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UFO SIGHTINGS NO.4: STATEMENTS BY MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT
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HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT INTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE UFO
PHENOMENON IN THE USSR INCLUDE A REPORT OF VISUAL AND RADAR TRACKING
OF UFOS BY A SOVIET AIR FORCE UNIT; A SIGHTING BY SOVIET COSMONAUTS;
AN ASSESSMENT BY THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS; AN
ACCOUNT OF A SPACE LAUNCH MISTAKEN FOR A UFO; COMMENTARIES BY TWO
SOVIET GENERALS; AND REFERENCES TO STATEMENTS BY MIKHAIL GORBACHEV
ON UFOS.

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THE 28 OCTOBER 1990 ISSUE OF RABOCHAYA TRIBUNA CITED THE 1 OCTOBER 1990 ISSUE OF AVIATION WEEK ON SIGHTINGS OF UFOS OVER NEVADA THAT WERE REPORTEDLY MOVING AT INCREDIBLE SPEEDS. IT IS HYPOTHESIZED IN THE SOVIET ARTICLE THAT SAUCER-LIKE AND TRIANGULARSHAPED CRAFT WITH UNUSUAL CAPABILITIES ARE BEING DEVELOPED AND TESTED IN NEVADA AND IN THE SOUTHWEST AS PART OF A U.S. MILITARY PROJECT: 'BELGIUM WAS VISITED BY STRANGE FLYING MACHINES OF TRIANGULAR SHAPE. THEN THE 'TRIANGLES' APPEARED HERE. (SOVIET) AIR DEFENSE FORCES UNITS OBTAINED FIXES ON SIMILAR MACHINES....' ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE SPEEDS OF THE UFOS SIGHTED OVER THE MOJAVE DESERT WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE UFOS SIGHTED IN THE USSR -- 10 TIMES THE SPEED OF SOUND, AND, AS IN THE SOVIET SIGHTINGS, 'THEY MOVE SILENTLY, CLIMB TO AN INCREDIBLE ALTITUDE, AND SOMETIMES HOVER IN PLACE AND EMIT A PULSATING LIGHT.' MOREOVER, ACCORDING TO THE RABOCHAYA TRIBUNA ARTICLE, THE 'BELGIANS READ THE REPORT IN AVIATION WEEK 'WITH GREAT INTEREST' AND THE BELGIAN PRESS IS HYPOTHESIZING THAT TOP SECRET AMERICAN AIRCRAFT, NOT UFOS, ARE FLYING IN THE SKY OVER BELGIUM.'

THE 20 OCTOBER 1990 ISSUE OF RABOCHAYA TRIBUNA INCLUDED AN ARTICLE ON THE PURSUIT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING VEHICLE BY AN INTERCEPTOR PILOT AFTER S. PROSHKIN, THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF AN AIR FORCE UNIT, REPORTED THAT A BLIP DESIGNATING AN 'AERIAL TARGET' HAD SUDDENLY APPEARED ON RADAR SCREENS AT 1100 ON 8 OCTOBER 1990.

'AT 1122, I RECEIVED THE COORDINATES OF THE TARGET AND THE MISSION TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.... ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION FROM THE COMMAND POST, THE OBJECT WAS LOCATED AT AN ALTITUDE OF 4.5 KILOMETERS. THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR AND CLOUDLESS, THE VISIBILITY EXCELLENT. BUT A SEARCH FOR THE TARGET DID NOT YIELD ANY RESULTS. I REPORTED THIS, TURNED, AND HEADED HOME. SUDDENLY, SOMETHING MADE ME TURN MY HEAD. TO THE REAR AND TO THE RIGHT I SAW TWO CIGARSHAPED OBJECTS OF CONSIDERABLE DIMENSION. ~~THE LENGTH OF THE FIRST WAS~~ APPROXIMATELY 2 KILOMETERS AND THE SECOND ABOUT 400 METERS. THEY WERE POSITIONED ONE BEHIND THE OTHER AND WERE IN GOOD VIEW AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A CLEAR SKY. THE SMALLER ONE CAST A SILVER COLOR IN THE RAYS OF THE SUN AND THE LARGER ONE APPEARED TO BE LUSTERLESS. BUT I WAS NOT ABLE TO MAKE OUT DETAILS AND STRUCTURAL FEATURES--THE DISTANCE WAS TOO GREAT. I NOTICED, IN FACT, THE UFOS MOVING SIDEWAYS WITH GREAT SPEED. I TURNED AND BEGAN TO CLOSE IN. AND SUDDENLY BOTH TARGETS DISAPPEARED FROM THE FIELD OF VISION. BUT THE PIPS STAYED ON THE RADAR. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM THE COMMAND POST, ABOUT 15 KILOMETERS SEPARATED US AT THIS POINT.'

THE 16 OCTOBER 1990 ISSUE OF RABOCHAYA TRIBUNA INCLUDES AN INTERVIEW OF COSMONAUTS ABOARD THE SOVIET SPACE STATION MIR, BY A JOURNALIST WHO WAS COMMUNICATING WITH THE COSMONAUTS VIA RADIO. THE 28 SEPTEMBER INTERVIEW CENTERED ON AN ENORMOUS UFO THAT THE COSMONAUTS REPORTEDLY OBSERVED IN SPACE. AN EXCERPT FROM THIS INTERVIEW IS TRANSLATED BELOW. ALTHOUGH THE TWO COSMONAUTS,

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GENNADIY MIKHAYLOVICH MANAKOV AND GENNADIY MIKHAYLOVICH STREKALOV ARE NOT IDENTIFIED BY NAME IN THE INTERVIEW, THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY NAME IN THE POSTSCRIPT. BOTH COSMONAUTS TOOK PART IN THE INTERVIEW.

QUESTION: ''TELL ME, WHAT ARE THE MOST INTERESTING NATURAL PHENOMENA YOU SEE ON EARTH?''

COSMONAUT: ''YESTERDAY, FOR EXAMPLE, I SAW, IF ONE MAY CALL IT THAT, AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. I CALLED IT THAT.''

QUESTION: ''WHAT WAS IT?''

COSMONAUT: ''WELL, I DON'T KNOW. IT WAS A GREAT, SILVERY SPHERE, IT WAS IRIDESCENT...THIS WAS AT 2250...''

QUESTION: ''THIS WAS OVER THE REGION OF NEWFOUNDLAND?''

COSMONAUT: ''NO. WE HAD ALREADY PASSED OVER NEWFOUNDLAND. THERE WAS AN ABSOLUTELY CLEAN, CLEAR SKY. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE BUT THE OBJECT WAS AT A GREAT ALTITUDE OVER THE EARTH, PERHAPS 20-30 KILOMETERS. IT WAS MUCH LARGER THAN A HUGE SHIP.''

QUESTION: ''COULD IT HAVE BEEN AN ICEBERG?''

COSMONAUT: ''NO. THIS OBJECT HAD A REGULAR SHAPE, BUT WHAT IT WAS -- I DO NOT KNOW. PERHAPS AN ENORMOUS, EXPERIMENTAL SPHERE OR SOMETHING ELSE....''

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THE 23 SEPTEMBER 1990 ISSUE OF SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA INCLUDES AN INTERVIEW WITH ACADEMICIAN L. I. 'BALKIN', DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. IN REFERENCE TO GORBACHEV'S NEW ''500 DAYS PROGRAM,' ' ABALKIN SAID THAT THE PROGRAM CONTAINED A ''KIND OF MYSTERY EFFECT...SOME MIRACULOUS MEANS, AND OUR PEOPLE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES....PERHAPS YOU NOTICED THAT IN SUCH CRISIS SITUATIONS A MASS BELIEF IN ALIENS AND UFOS...DEVELOPS. THIS IS A SOCIAL PHENOMENON, YOU KNOW. I DISCUSSED THIS MANY YEARS AGO. THIS SITUATION BECAME CLEARLY EVIDENT IN THE LATE 70S AND EARLY 80S...SOCIAL UPHEAVALS CAUSE SUCH A BELIEF....''

THE 1 SEPTEMBER 1990 LENINGRADSKAYA PRAVDA CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY VALENTIN GOLTS, ACTING MEMBER OF THE USSR GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, WHO DEVELOPS A STRONG CASE TO PROVE THAT THE 3 AUGUST SIGHTINGS OF A UFO IN THE LENINGRAD OBLAST CAN BE EXPLAINED AS OBSERVATIONS OF THE

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KOSMOS SPACE LAUNCH. HE NOTES THAT ALL OF THE OBSERVERS AGREE THAT THE UFO APPEARED INITIALLY AS AN UNUSUALLY BRIGHT OBLONG CLOUD. 'THEN, FROM THE RIGHT OF THE CLOUD, A SPHERE WITH A WELL-DEFINED PROFILE SEPARATED, WITH ARCS OF BRIGHT ILLUMINATION EXTENDING OUT FROM THE SPHERE. THE VELOCITY OF THE SPHERE SOMEWHAT EXCEEDED THE VELOCITY OF A JET AIRCRAFT.' GOLTS STATES THAT ALL OF THE SIGNS DESCRIBED ABOVE COINCIDE WITH THE LIGHT EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAUNCH OF KOSMOS, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THIS TIME.

THE ARTICLE CONTAINS FOUR ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE '3 AUGUST UFO' SENT IN BY TWO OF THE OBSERVERS, AND GOLTS POINTS OUT THAT THE ILLUSTRATIONS CLEARLY DEPICT THE PHASES OF THE LAUNCH. IN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE LAUNCH (ILLUSTRATION 1), A MOVING, BRIGHT, SHINING SPOT IS OBSERVED, TOGETHER WITH A CONTRAIL RESEMBLING THE CONTRAIL OF A JET AIRCRAFT. GRADUALLY THE CONTRAIL SPREADS OUT AND BECOMES WIDER. WHEN OBSERVED FROM THE SIDE, IT RESEMBLES A FLATFISH (ILLUSTRATION 2). THE SECOND PHASE OF THE LAUNCH BEGINS AT THE MOMENT OF FIRSTSTAGE SEPARATION. A BRIEF FLASH OCCURS, AND IN THE PLACE WHERE THE BRIGHT SPOT IS LOCATED, A RAPID EXPANSION OF GAS IN THE FORM OF A SPHERE IS OBSERVED. THE LOWER FRINGES OF THE SPHERE CAN REACH TO THE HORIZON. THIS CREATES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE BRIGHT SPOT HOVERS BRIEFLY. SOMETIMES, AT THE MOMENT OF THE FLASH (ILLUSTRATION 3), CONCENTRIC CIRCLES MOVING OUTWARD, OR COMPLEX VORTICES ARE OBSERVED. WHEN THERE IS A HEAD-ON OR END-VIEW OBSERVATION OF THE LAUNCH, THE SHAPE OF THE GASES CAN RESEMBLE A FLOWER OR A CROSS. THE SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENT OF THE SECOND STAGE IS OBSERVED AS A BRIGHT SPOT WITH A CONE OF GASEOUS JETS STREAMING OUT BEHIND IT, RESEMBLING RAYS EXTENDING AT AN ANGLE OF 70-110 DEGREES. THE SPEED OF THE ROCKET IS SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN THE SPEED OF A HIGH-ALTITUDE AIRPLANE. WHEN THE SECOND STAGE SEPARATES, THERE MAY OCCUR ANOTHER FLASH, WITH RAYS STREAMING OUTWARD (ILLUSTRATION 4). THE FIRST PHASES CAN LAST FROM 8 TO 25 MINUTES AND THE LAST, THE TRAIL IN THE SKY, CAN LAST UP TO THREE HOURS.

THE SEPTEMBER 1990 ISSUE OF SSHA: EKONOMIKA, POLITIKA, IDEOLOGIYA STATED THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU M. S. GORBACHEV MADE REFERENCES TO UFOS ON THREE OCCASIONS:

-- 'GORBACHEV, M. S., SELECTED SPEECHES AND ARTICLES. VOL. 4. MOSCOW, 1987. P. 388'.

-- POLITICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE 27TH PARTY CONGRESS.

-- IN A SPEECH AT A FORUM ENTITLED 'FOR A NON-NUCLEAR WORLD, FOR HUMANISM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS', FEBRUARY, 1987.

THE 5 AUGUST 1990 ISSUE OF NTR TRIBUNA CITES THE VIEW OF THE LEADING SOVIET SKEPTIC REGARDING THE UFO PHENOMENON, CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES VLADIMIR MIGULIN, WHO CONSIDERS HIMSELF A WATCHDOG 'GUARDING AGAINST THE NONSENSE OF UFO

REPORTS.'" MIGULIN SAID THAT HE IS EXTREMELY IRRITATED WITH THE DELUGE OF UFO REPORTS IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALS, POINTING OUT THAT SOME FOREIGN JOURNALS SUCH AS THE SKEPTICAL INQUIRER HAVE BEEN WRITING ABOUT THE '"PARANORMAL BABBLE'" IN THE SOVIET UNION '"WITH UNDISGUISED MALICE.'"

THE JOURNAL AVIATSIYA I KOSMONAVTIKA, NO. 8, 1990, INCLUDES AN INTERVIEW WITH MAJOR GENERAL OF AVIATION A. LEONOV. THE GENERAL, WHO IS ALSO A COSMONAUT, SAID THAT A LOT OF BUNK IS PUBLISHED BY UFOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS. UFOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS, ACCORDING TO LEONOV, TOOK A PHRASE USED BY U.S. ASTRONAUTS OUT OF CONTEXT AND FABRICATED THEIR FANTASIES AROUND IT. FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER THE LANDING ON THE MOON THERE WERE TRANSMISSIONS BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE ASTRONAUTS AND MISSION CONTROL IN HOUSTON. THE GENERAL SAID: '"NEIL ARMSTRONG, LEAVING THE SHIP, STEPPED CAREFULLY ONTO THE SOIL, AND THEN BECAME MORE BOLD; HIS STEPS BECAME MORE CONFIDENT AND HE BEGAN TO JUMP AROUND. I SAW THESE VIDEO FRAMES. JAMES ALDRIN, TURNING TO HIM, SAID 'WATCH OUT, THEY ARE WATCHING US.' 'THEY' IN THE SENSE OF 'EARTH.' LATER HE ADVISED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT DISOBEY INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE CAREFUL. AND, IN FACT, ARMSTRONG BEGAN TO WALK AROUND AFTER THIS WITH NORMAL STEPS. I HAVE SAID TO THE UFOLOGISTS ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION: 'WHAT ARE YOU SPECULATING ABOUT? THERE IS NO BASIS FOR IT'.'" (THE SPECULATION WAS THAT THE TERM 'THEY' REFERRED TO EXTRATERRESTRIALS, RATHER THAN MISSION CONTROL).

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THE 12 MAY 1990 ISSUE OF KRASNAYA ZVEZDA INCLUDES A LENGTHY INTERVIEW WITH COLONEL GENERAL ALEXANDER MAKSIMOV WHO WAS RESPONDING TO THE PUBLIC'S DEMAND FROM THE MILITARY FOR INFORMATION ON THE SURGE OF UFO REPORTS. MAKSIMOV, CHIEF SPECIALIST OF THE USSR MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR REUSABLE SYSTEMS, SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE UFO HYPOTHESIS, AND IS '"ONLY CALLING FOR A SOBER AND SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS OF THE PHENOMENON,'" HE KNOWS FOR CERTAIN THAT THE UFOS SIGHTED OVER BAYKONUR WERE ACTUALLY PHENOMENA ASSOCIATED WITH ROCKET LAUNCHES. HE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY OBSERVED ONE OF THESE UFOS AND NOTICED THAT THE TRAJECTORY OF THE FLY-OVER WAS FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO THE NORTHEAST. HE NOTED THAT THAT COURSE '"IS OUR FAVORITE AND THE MAJORITY OF OUR SPACE VEHICLES FLY RIGHT ALONG IT. BUT ALSO ALONG THIS COURSE FLY ALL OF THE OBJECTS WHICH ACCOMPANY THE SPACE VEHICLE WHICH WENT INTO ORBIT WITH IT...AS MANY AS 20 DIFFERENT OBJECTS CAN DROP OFF THE SPACE VEHICLE AS IT MOVES INTO ORBIT--THIS TRASH ORBITS EARTH AT ALTITUDES VARYING FROM 200 TO 800 KILOMETERS.'" MAKSIMOV SAYS THAT HE PERSONALLY

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CONFIRMED THAT A UFO SIGHTED OVER BAYKONUR WAS, IN REALITY, JUST THE REFLECTION OF SUN RAYS FROM ONE OF THESE OBJECTS.

THE 4 MAY 1990 ISSUE OF THE RIGA NEWSPAPER SOVETSKAYA MOLODEZH CONTAINED A FULL-PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED ''ONLY FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES.'' AMONG THE OTHER OFFICIAL SOURCES CITED (SUCH AS THE KGB AND THE AIR DEFENSE FORCES), THE AUTHOR, PAVEL MURKHORTOV, CLAIMS THAT, DURING A RECENT MEETING WITH URAL WORKERS, MIKHAIL GORBACHEV STATED THAT ''THE UFO PHENOMENON IS REAL AND WE SHOULD APPROACH IT SERIOUSLY AND STUDY IT.''

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